

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE	Pennsylvania
COUNTY:	Centre
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:	The John Gray House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: State Rte. #550, 3/4 mile South of U.S. #220, Box #132			
CITY OR TOWN: R.D. Rte.1 Port Matilda		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 23rd	
STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Centre	CODE 072

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Willis W. and Betty C. Bryant	STATE: Penna.
STREET AND NUMBER: Box #132, R. D. #1	
CITY OR TOWN: Port Matilda	
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Centre County Courthouse	COUNTY: Centre
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Bellefonte	
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE: 42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None	FOR NPS USE ONLY
OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
STREET AND NUMBER:	ENTRY NUMBER
CITY OR TOWN:	
STATE:	DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Gray house is a two and one-half story five-bay structure with an exposed basement. The front wall fabric is dressed stone while the side and rear walls are rubble stone. A chimney protrudes from each end of the steep gable roof. The cornice is embellished with carvings and applied lozenges. A porch runs along the front and north walls. Windows are nine over six light with raised panel shutters on the first floor.

A small one story board and batten 20th century wing protrudes from the rear wall.

The interior features a typical Georgian floor plan, with a center hall and two rooms on each side. The stairway is unusual with its sawn flat balusters and gouged ornament on the stair string facings. All of the architectural woodworks, doors, trim, stair, mantels (save one), chair rails, floors, window frames (except one sash), and practically all of the hardware are original and intact. The structure has been restored under the direction of a qualified restoration architect.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1793**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Gray house represents a fine example of late eighteenth century rural Pennsylvanian architecture. Stone houses of this size and type record rural Pennsylvania design and craftsmanship based on the traditional Georgian floor plan.

This structure is also unique in that it has come to this generation practically unchanged. The solid stone exterior, along with the original interior doors, chairrail, hardware, etc., present eighteenth century Central Pennsylvania architecture.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Spangler, Adella Fink: The Adella Fink Spangler Collection, published by the Centre County Historical Society. Volume 12 - Page 77.

Linn, John Blair: History of Centre and Clinton Counties. Published by Luis H. Everts, 1883.

Nicholas, Beach: Atlas of Centre County. Published by A. Pomeroy & Co., 1874.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		40°	49'	27"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		77°	58'	30"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Six acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
David C. Stacks/Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **9/20/74**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box #1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

WILLIAM J. WEWER

Title

**Executive Director
Pennsylvania Historical and
Museum Commission**

Date

1/3/75

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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